

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

AVIDES MOREIRA, et al.

Appln. No.:

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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Examiner: Unassigned

Title: CONNECTION WITH A COMPONENT FABRICATED OF A THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER

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March 8, 2001

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

Each of the enclosed documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached International Search Report dated September 9, 1999 issued in a counter part foreign application. See that report for the degree of relevance (category) of each document and for the particular passages cited therefor.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider each of the documents supplied herewith. It is furthermore respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm the



careful and independent consideration in the next official communication by return of an initialed and dated PTO-1449 form in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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